THE REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claim 77, in addition to Claims 6-10, 28, 29, 52 and 53.

The Amendments

Claims 30-54, 55-71 and 77-83 are cancelled.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 77 into Claim 1. The amendment does not raise a new issue or require a new search because Claim 77 was searched before.

No new matter is added in the amendments. The amendments are necessary to overcome the final rejection. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments.

Applicants reserve the rights to file one or more continuations directed to the cancelled subject matter.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 14, 16, 19, 20, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 55, 56, 58, 61, 62, 70, 71 are provisionally rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 2, 3, 17, 18, 22, 27, 33, 34, 35, 46, 47, 48, 53, 54 of Application No. 10/976,152 and 10/976,244.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

The expression, "hard shell" has been deleted from Claim 1.

Therefore, the 35 USC §112, second paragraph, rejection of Claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102 (b)/103(a)

Claims 1-5, 14, 16, 19, 20, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 45-50, 51, 54-56, 58, 61, 62, 70 and 71 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Chiang (US Patent No. 4,285,801).

Claims 75, 76 and 78-83 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Chiang (US 4,285,801).

In order to expedite allowance of the present application, the subject matter of Claim 77 has been incorporated into Claim 1. Since Claim 77 has been found allowable, the amended Claim 1 and its dependent claims should be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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